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The necessity of placing the entire group under uniform quarantine regulations in charge of Federal officials has been signally illustrated.

In this connection I inclose copies of a statement submitted to the board of health by the collector-general of customs, which shows that out of 37 steamships arriving here from the Orient between June 17 and December 31 last, carrying 18,923 tons of cargo and 17,886 immigrants, 21 steamers, 9,653 tons freight and 11,799 immigrants were not fumigated.

I ask that a copy of this dispatch and inclosures be sent to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,
Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

HAROLD M. SEWALL.

Plague in Kahului and Hilo.

[Copy of Telegram.]

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *February 23, 1900.*

SIR: Carmichael reports plague appeared Kahului January 30, 6 cases. One case reported Hilo February 13. Will now regard all the islands infected and treat vessels accordingly. Cases at Kahului and Hilo thought to have originated from Chinese food stuffs.

KINYOUN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

IRELAND.

Reports from Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *February 3, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report on the transactions at this port for the week ending to-day as follows: January 28, steamship *Lucania*, for New York, with 14 first-cabin, 28 second-cabin, and 67 third-class passengers.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *February 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report on the transactions at this port for the week ending to-day as follows:

Date.	Vessels inspected.	Destination.	Passengers.			Cargo.
			First cabin.	Second cabin.	Third class.	
Feb. 4	Steamship Bovic.....	New York.....	0	0	0	None.
Feb. 8	Steamship Oceanic.....do.....	3	20	156	Do.
Do.....	Steamship Belgenland	Philadelphia.....	0	3	37	Do.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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